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Qwest Communications Completes 18,500 Mile Nationwide Network and Shifts Construction to 25 Local Fiber Networks

Construction in Seven Cities to be Complete Next Year; 18 More to Follow in 2001

**Denver, September 13, 1999** - Qwest Communications International Inc. (Nasdaq: QWST), the broadband Internet communications company, announced that it has completed construction of 18,500 miles of its Internet-based U.S. network and people and resources are being shifted to accelerate building 25 local broadband networks.

Qwest will herald the significance of building the new network in a new branding campaign on television and in magazines starting Wednesday. The advertising will communicate that Qwest has completed construction of the first high-speed, high-capacity network built for broadband Internet-based communications. The TV ads will run on major news, sports and entertainment cable networks, and the print ad will appear in business and information technology publications.

The Qwest network has 888,000 fiber miles across the U.S. Construction was completed on time and under budget. The state of the art network connects 150 cities nationwide and connects globally to Europe and the Asia Pacific region. Building an Internet network requires time and people---2,300 Qwest people working 16 million hours built the network since 1995.

"We focused on speed in completing our new network to be the first company to deliver the promise of the Internet," said Joseph P. Nacchio, Qwest chairman and CEO. "Now we intend to deliver low-cost Internet and e-commerce services to businesses at a local level."

To provide local broadband access to Qwest's nationwide network, the company will build high-speed local fiber networks in 25 major metropolitan areas. With the local networks in place, Qwest's will increase its total U.S. fiber miles by more than 20 percent to more than 1.1 million fiber miles. Construction in seven cities is expected to be complete next year. The remaining cities will be built and operational by the end of 2001.

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Local networks will enable Qwest to connect hundreds of businesses of all sizes to the Qwest long distance backbone network for a wide variety of services including data, image and voice communications. The 25 cities include: Albany, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Newark, Orange County, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, St. Louis, Washington D.C. and White Plains.

Qwest is also expanding its network construction initiatives globally. Qwest is building a pan-European IP network with KPN, the Dutch telecommunications company, that currently covers 2,100 miles and will span 8,100 miles when it is completed by 2002. In addition, Qwest also has nearly completed a 1,400-mile network in Mexico and owns capacity in high-speed fiber optic cables that stretch across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

### **About Qwest**

Qwest Communications International Inc. (NASDAQ: QWST) is a leader in reliable and secure broadband Internet-based data, voice and image communications for businesses and consumers. Headquartered in Denver, Qwest has more than 9,000 employees working in North America, Europe and Mexico. The Qwest Macro Capacity® Fiber Network, designed with the newest optical networking, spans more than 18,500 route miles in the United States, with an additional 315-mile network route to be completed by the end of the year. In addition, Qwest and KPN, the Dutch telecommunications company, have formed a venture to build and operate a high-capacity European fiber optic, Internet Protocol-based network that has 2,100 miles and will span 8,100 miles when it is completed in 2001. Qwest also has completed a 1,400-mile network in Mexico.

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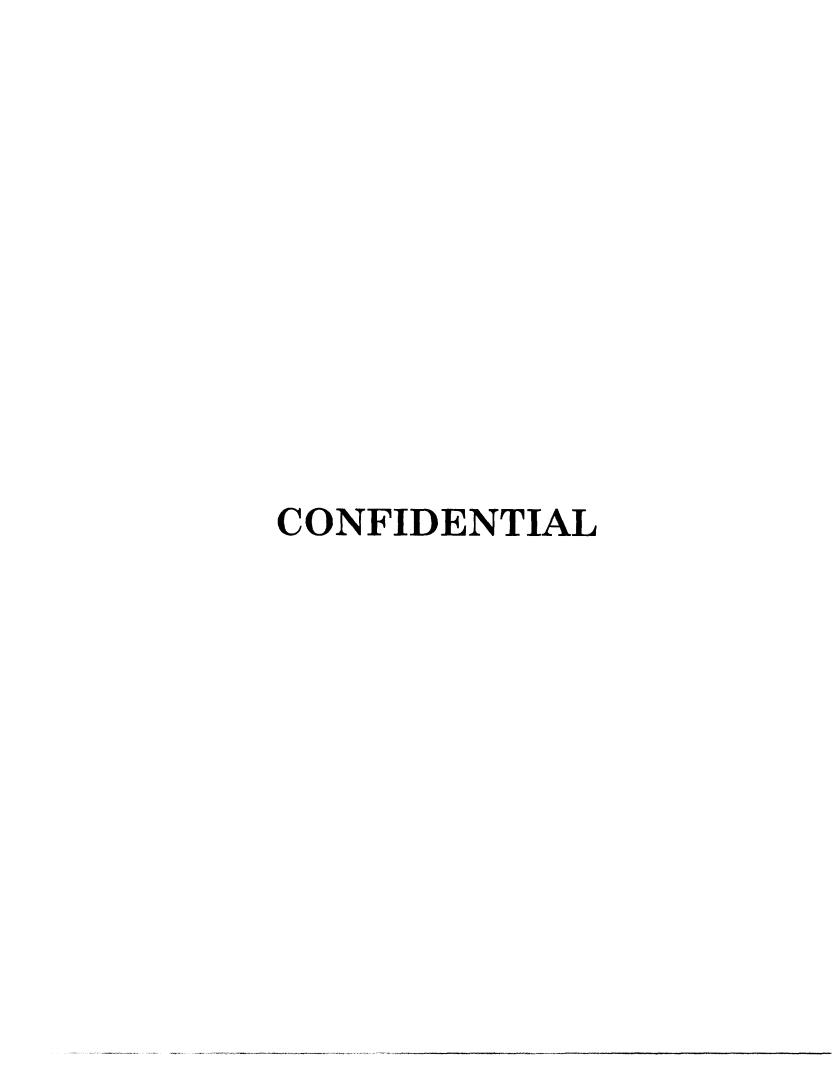
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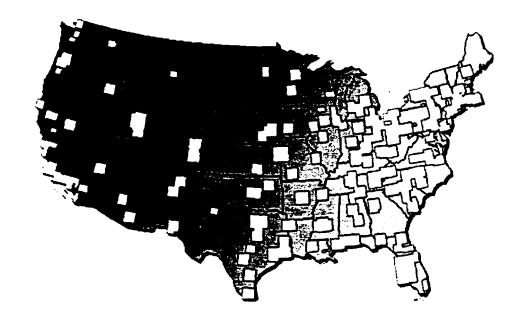
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### **Qwest launches Digital Subscriber Line Service**

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With Service Available in 13 markets, Qwest Has One Of The Industry's Largest DSL Footprint in the US

DENVER, August 4, 1999 — Qwest Communications International Inc. (NASDAQ: QWST), the broadband Internet communications company, today announced that it is now providing Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service in 13 U.S. markets. The company has one of the largest DSL footprints in the U.S. and plans to expand to more than 30 major markets by the end of 1999.

Qwest's DSL technology provides high-speed access that is optimized for telecommuting, remote office access, Internet access, desktop video conferencing and voice communications. DSL offers high-speed broadband local connectivity to customers and is significantly faster than other remote connection technologies such as the standard telephone line or Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) circuit. For example, to download a five-megabit file, such as 30 seconds of streaming video, from the Internet would take approximately 27 seconds on a DSL line, compared to five minutes over an ISDN circuit or 23 minutes over a standard telephone line. With the Qwest DSL service customers will be able to download files faster from the Internet and remote networks and have high-speed access to their company networks from home.

Qwest's DSL service is now available in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Oakland, Orange County, Philadelphia, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. Markets slated for service later this year include Austin, Baltimore, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh, Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Tampa, as well as others to be announced.

"DSL service brings the benefits of dedicated Internet and data solutions to the small office/home office market. Offering this service is an important step in Qwest's strategy to provide our customers with end-to-end high-speed broadband connectivity," said Lewis O. Wilks, Qwest's president of Internet and Multimedia markets. "By deploying DSL in these markets, we are improving the access to Qwest's high-speed IP network to deliver the next generation of world class Internet applications."

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Qwest's DSL service packages are priced at flat rates starting at \$49.95/month for consumers and \$119.95/months for businesses with a standard one-time installation fee of \$500. Every DSL service package includes end-to-end Internet access and in the future will also include other Internet Protocol (IP) services including application hosting, virtual private networks and voice over IP. In addition, the Qwest's DSL service offers:

- Nationwide coverage: As a result of strategic relationships with leading broadband local access providers Qwest has a nationwide DSL footprint giving customers end- to-end broadband connectivity.
- "Always On"bandwidth: A dedicated network connection that is live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Speed: Qwest's scalable and secure DSL service can run up to 125 times faster than other dial up modem services.
- Class of service: Qwest's DSL delivers service level agreements that include 100% availability and 75 millisecond delay on the Qwest IP Network.
- A wide variety of service packages: Qwest's DSL service offers several connectivity options and transmission speeds. This allows customers to choose a level of service that matches their data and distance requirements.

In order to offer this service to customers Qwest has made strategic investments in and is working with two local-broadband access providers—Rhythms NetConnections Inc. (Nasdaq: RTHM) and Covad Communications Group Inc. (Nasdaq: COVD). Qwest plans to expand into other markets through its own construction and additional strategic alliances.

For more information on Qwest's DSL offerings including pricing and service availability please visit the Qwest web site at <a href="http://www.gwest.com/dsl">http://www.gwest.com/dsl</a> or call 1-877-865-4DSL.

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